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The Monthly Newsletter from Chairman Bulova

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December 2012

Greetings,

The Holidays arrived early this week via "Project Flight" when Intelsat announced the relocation of their D.C. headquarters to Tysons Corner. The move brings 430 new jobs into the soon-to-be-built expansion of Tysons Corner Center, adjacent to the shopping center and new Silver Line Station. Intelsat provides satellite broadcasting services and owns the world's largest fleet of commercial satellites.

In his remarks, Intelsat CEO David McGlade credited Virginia's "well-educated professionals" and "a first-class transportation system" - including the new rail line to Dulles International Airport - as key incentives for the company's relocation.



In addition to more corporate revenue for the state and county, Intelsat's relocation demonstrates what we had hoped for when our Board adopted the Comprehensive Plan for Tysons in 2010. The new Vision and Plan calls for transforming Tysons into a vibrant, walkable, 24-hour activity center by the year 2050. Instead of seas of impervious surfaces, Tysons will be a community with over 100,000 residents (right now there are about 18,000) and 200,000 jobs, (twice the number now.)

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Most of Fairfax County was originally developed throughout the 50's, 60's and 70's. **Our future is Redevelopment.** As Fairfax continues to mature, it is important that we accommodate our future growth and existing population in ways that make it easier for our residents and workers to live, work and play without always needing to get behind the wheel of a car. Older retail centers near mass transit present especially valuable opportunities for attractive mixed-use revitalization.



A good example of this is the redevelopment at **Springfield Mall** in the Lee District, right next to the Springfield-Franconia Metro and VRE Stations. This \$200 million renovation is a first step in what will

eventually be a Town Center where people can live, work, shop, and enjoy entertainment and community activities. The plan calls for a pedestrian oriented network of sidewalks, multi-use pathways, an abundance of open spaces and recreational facilities, including a Central Plaza, dog park, and indoor and outdoor recreations opportunities.

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At our Board Meeting on Tuesday, following several years of community outreach and engagement, we adopted a Master Plan for the Adaptive Reuse of land that was formerly the D.C. Department of Corrections prison in Lorton.

Since 2002, when the U.S. Congress transferred the 2,300 acres of property at Laurel Hill to Fairfax County, the county has worked with residents and task forces to develop plans for the future use of the area. Already the County, working with the Lorton Arts Foundation, has established the Workhouse Arts Center on the 56 acre portion of the former prison, east of Route 123 and south of Lorton Road. This Byline features activities at the Workhouse monthly.

The approved Master Plan for the Adaptive Reuse Site at Laurel Hill (east of Route 123 and south of Silverbrook Road) creates a

hub of community residences, workplaces, shopping, and green space.

The retail section of the Plan is located for easy and convenient access and designed with sufficient size to make it a successful neighborhood center. The neighborhood retail center is intended to house uses such as a small grocery, bank, drug store, dry cleaner or restaurants.

The Plan envisions niche office users reactivating the site, with the former Penitentiary buildings providing office workers with an interesting and unique workplace where they can walk to lunch



or enjoy a break in one of the site's open spaces. Residents will bring further vitality to the site. Newly constructed single-family homes place front doors on tree-lined, pedestrian friendly streets.

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Despite the Great Recession and a slow recovery - made even slower with threats of Sequestration - Fairfax County has a great story to tell. I hope that you enjoy the Holiday Season and take time to appreciate the great quality of life in our Fairfax community! Thank you to everyone who plays a part in making that happen.

Sincerely,



Sharon Bulova

Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors



## Holiday Reception January 16th

Please Join

**Chairman Sharon Bulova**

For a Holiday Reception  
to Celebrate the New Year

Wednesday, January 16, 2012

4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Government Center Forum  
12000 Government Center Parkway  
Fairfax, VA 22035

Please bring a donation of canned foods for local charities.

## Giving Back this Holiday Season



*Courtesy of The Office of Public Private Partnerships (OP3)*

The chaotic shopping season is here. This year give the gift of charity. Donate to your favorite nonprofit in someone's honor from the comfort of your home. Cross a name off your list and take a tax deduction. It's a win-win!!

As our gift to you, OP3 has compiled [12 Ways of Giving in Fairfax County](#). During the holiday season and throughout the year, OP3 is grateful for the many ways that you support our community and contribute in Fairfax County.



## Inauguration 2013 Information

Fairfax County is engaged at both the county and regional levels for the upcoming 2013 inauguration. **The inaugural ceremony will be held on Monday, Jan. 21, 2013 - which is also the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.**



**Anticipated Attendance** -- In 2009, upwards of 1.2 million people visited the District of Columbia on Inauguration Day for the ceremony and parade.

**Road Closures** -- During the last inauguration (2009), many major roadways and interstates were closed. Currently, these major closures are not anticipated, however, one or two bridges into the District of Columbia may be closed. More details on any road closures or detours will be available closer to the inaugural date.

**Stay Informed** -- Information affecting Fairfax County residents will be posted on the Fairfax County Government emergency information blog and county website. Additional information also will be posted on the National Capital Region Update website at [www.capitalregionupdates.gov](http://www.capitalregionupdates.gov). This site will provide information from each of the counties and cities in the region along with current weather, traffic, utility information and access to the regional emergency alert systems. In addition, Capital Region Updates will link to a special website created by the District of Columbia, which will serve as the official source of inauguration information for the public.

Emergency information blog: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/blog](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/blog).

## Jeans Day 2012: Putting the ZIP on Homelessness

The Board of Supervisors has officially recognized **December 14 as Jeans Day**. On that day the **Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness** will be partnering with the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, Connection Newspapers and Apple Federal Credit Union to present the Second Annual ***Jeans Day 2012: Putting the ZIP on Homelessness***. In the spirit of highlighting and fighting homelessness, area businesses, schools, Fairfax County agencies, non-profits, community organizations, civic and faith organizations, individuals and other chambers of commerce will be joining groups throughout Northern Virginia to encourage employees, students and members to wear jeans in exchange for a \$5 donation to the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness. Register now at <http://jeansday2012.eventbrite.com/#> to participate!



**There are three easy ways to donate:**

1. **Online**: Donate online through our financial partner, Apple Federal Credit Union at [https://www.facebook.com/AppleFederalCreditUnion/app\\_238336376264081](https://www.facebook.com/AppleFederalCreditUnion/app_238336376264081).
2. **Cash**: Will be accepted at any Apple Federal Credit Union's 21 branch locations. Please mention "Ending Homelessness in Fairfax County" to the Credit Union representative at the time of deposit.
3. **Check**: Will be accepted at any Apple Federal Credit Union's 21 branch locations. Please mention "Ending Homelessness in Fairfax County" to the Credit Union representative at the time of deposit. Checks payable to PEH/CFNCR.

**You may also mail checks or money orders to:**

*The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region  
1201 15th Street NW, Suite 420  
Washington, DC 20005*

***For all checks and money orders, please reference "Homelessness" in the memo section.*** For more information, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/opeh.htm> or contact Glynda Mayo Hall at [Gylnda.Hall@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Gylnda.Hall@fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Bi-Partisan Election Process Improvement Commission**

At the November 20th Board of Supervisors meeting, I proposed the establishment of a Bi-Partisan Commission tasked with reviewing operations during the 2012 general election and identifying improvements and efficiencies to ensure access and convenience for voters in future elections. I believe Fairfax County can do more to reduce long lines and wait times and streamline the election process, and this Commission will return with recommendations on how the County can do a better job for future elections. At the most recent Board of Supervisors meeting on December 4, the Board approved a list of appointees to the Commission. Former Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Kate Hanley and former Dranesville Supervisor and former Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce chair Stu Mendelsohn will co-chair the commission. Other members consist of representatives from the following organizations:

The chair, or his/her designee, of both the Republican and Democratic Party of Fairfax County,

- One appointee from each District Supervisor, with the Chairman having two appointees,
- A representative from Fairfax County Public Schools Administration,

- The Federation of Citizens' Associations, the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, the League of Women Voters, the Fairfax Bar Association, and representatives from the major minority populations in Fairfax.

The Commission will examine many issues, including but not limited to considering optimal locations for precincts, analyzing the size of precincts and a variety of issues associated with equipment, examining practices for ensuring a sufficient number of election workers on Election Day, and reviewing the County's Absentee Voting policy.

The Commission will begin work in January 2013 and recommendations will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in May 2013.

## Holiday Season at the Workhouse



Now that the Thanksgiving leftovers have been eaten, the warmer weather has become a fleeting memory and everyone has started compiling shopping lists of gifts for loved ones, we can really begin to feel that the holiday spirit has returned to us this year. The holiday season preparations and celebrations are in full force here at the [Workhouse Arts Center](#), 9601 Ox Road Lorton, VA 22079, beginning with last week's Escape to Black Friday event. Escape to Black Friday was a huge success, bringing much of the community here to campus for exciting artist demos & workshops, delicious Farmers Market treats, as well as to get a head start on the holiday shopping.

But, the winter fun has only gotten started! The Workhouse is proud to announce the return of Children's Theater with two all new holiday shows: "[A Magical Christmas](#)" & "[Drumming with Dishes: The Holiday Edition](#)." Start the New Year with a fun and spirited evening of music selected to inspire and kick-off 2013 in style at the next installment of the [Cabaret](#)

[Series at the Workhouse: Songs for a New Year](#) on Saturday, January 5, 2013. Be sure to buy your tickets early online because the "Broadway Memories" sold out and was unable to accommodate walk-ins.

And, don't forget about all of your holiday shopping! With more than 100 artists, 8 studio buildings and 10 galleries, there are endless works of art that will make wonderful holiday gifts for families and friends. Everything from unique paintings to hand-made ornaments to cozy hats and scarves are for sale in a variety of price ranges, with something for every budget. Many Workhouse artists have created special works for the holiday season. Support

your local community by shopping local and buying local this year.

Really stumped on what to get for someone on your list? Give the gift of "Friendship" this holiday season! "[Friends of the Workhouse](#)" enjoy benefits and special opportunities at the Workhouse throughout the year, so you can give someone special the gift that keeps on giving! Benefit levels range from \$50-\$5000 and support the Workhouse and our community of artists. See our website for details.

## Snow Season: Preparing for Winter Weather



A mobile weather station for roads, a new 22,000-ton salt dome, a fleet of trucks to help clear the I-495 Express Lanes, and a pilot program where the public can track snow removal in their neighborhoods are among the new tools the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will use this winter in Northern Virginia.

### Here's a list of what's new for winter 2012-13:

- A [web tool](#) shows the status of plowing in northern Virginia neighborhoods. Once it snows more than two inches, residents in Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William counties can enter their address and see a color-coded snow map that shows whether plowing is underway, completed or not yet started in their neighborhood.
- A truck-mounted weather station provides mobile measurements on road conditions (dry, moist, wet, snow, ice), as well as surface, dew point and air temperature, humidity and thickness of ice. This helps ensure that crews do not over- or under-apply chemicals.
- A super-sized salt dome located at the Beltway and Van Dorn Street was added to help ensure that crews don't run low on materials during severe storms. The dome will hold 22,000 tons of salt - about three times the capacity of a typical salt dome.
- Four super-sized front loaders that can push snow with 20-foot wide blades or scoop snow with massive buckets. This new equipment will help clear interstates during severe storms.
- Seven high-pressure flush trucks are dedicated to clearings now and ice that accumulate around the bollards that separate the new 495 Express Lanes from the regular lanes.
- A portable snow melter will be used in park-n-ride lots where massive piles of snow take away needed parking spaces.

AND...More equipment: Nearly 4,000 trucks and plows, mostly contracted, are available for snow and ice removal in northern Virginia. That's 1,200 more trucks than during the severe winter of 2010.

**Lastly, I would like to encourage drivers to consider staying off the roads during inclement weather, especially if you have the flexibility to telecommute or you can postpone your trip. VDOT's crews will work to clear roads as quickly as they can, but**



**the safest option and the best way to avoid an accident is to avoid traveling as much as possible.**

#### VDOT's Winter Resources

- For snow removal information: Visit <http://www.virginiadot.org/travel/snow.asp>.
- To see status of plowing in your neighborhood: <http://novasnowplowing.virginia.gov>.
- For real-time traffic updates and road conditions: Visit [www.511virginia.org](http://www.511virginia.org), download the 511 smartphone app, or follow @511northernva on Twitter.
- To report unplowed roads or hazardous conditions: Email [novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov) or call 1-800-FOR-ROAD (800-367-7623).
- For general VDOT info: Follow VDOT at [www.facebook.com/VirginiaDOT](https://www.facebook.com/VirginiaDOT), on Twitter @VDOT, or visit [www.VirginiaDOT.org](http://www.VirginiaDOT.org).



#### Internship Opportunity Available for College Students

The Office of the Fairfax County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is seeking unpaid interns for the spring and summer. Chairman Sharon Bulova is looking for student interns interested in politics and government who would like the opportunity to get first-hand experience with local government in the largest county in Virginia.

Duties will include constituent service work such as drafting letters and answering phone calls, issue research, and other tasks as needs arise. Applicants should be interested in the work of local government, and should be enthusiastic, hard-working and reliable. Full or part-time internships with some flexibility about schedule are available.

Instructions: All interested candidates should send resumes and cover letters to Mr. Mark Thomas, [Mark.Thomas@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Mark.Thomas@fairfaxcounty.gov) or fax to 703-324-3955. For all faxes and emails related to this internship opportunity, please use the subject line "Internship Application".